## **SUNFLOWER BOYS** WILDLY WELCOMED

Governor Allen, Senator Cap per and Delegation Meet Two Transoprts.

SHIPS BEAT SCHEDULE

Notables Have to Hustle, But Are in Time to Shout Greetings to Idols.

The yellow sunflower bloomed on the upper bay yesterday when Kansas sent all of its Governors and ex-Governors and Senators and prominent citizens

ships Mobile and Manchuria.

And the only reason the big rayed flower of the limitless West didn't spread itself all over the lower bay also was that the Mobile and Manchuria slipped one over on Gov. Henry J. Allen and the rest of the welcoming party by steaming up through the Narrows two hours ahead of the time.

Governor Allen—who is a yard wide war Governor without doubt, nominated war Governor without doubt, nominated 25.000 TROOPS SAIL

war Governor, without doubt, nominated and elected while he was in France serving his Uncle Sam, under the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A., without one bit of campaign work on his part except one cable to his campaign manager. H. H. Motter, saying, "If you meet ager, H. H. Motter, saying, "If you meet my boom tell it hello!"—Gov. Allen was comfortably shaving in his room at the Waldorf-Astoria yesterday morning, secure in the belief that the tug Lexing-and the battleship Nebraska, all loaded ton, which was chartered to take his with returning troops and representing party down the bay, wouldn't leave Pier one of the largest single day's sailings A before 2 o'clock, when a breathless massenger burst in with a telegram stating that the tug would steam off at 11. because if she didn't the Kansas boys the elayer ships uld be in Hoboken welcomeless and

Governor Rushes to Pier.

The Governor wiped the suds from his rosy face with one hand, seized his wife with the other, and pausing only to collect Senator Arthur Capper from wife with the other, and pausing only to collect Senator Arthur Capper from his room, taxied frantically to the pier. Hurry calls had brought together about a score of the Kansas delegation in time to take the Lexington, but the rest, who arrived along about 2 o'clock as mad as bornets to find that for once in its life the West was caught napping, had to be content to steam along in the rear on the police boat Patrol.

Even Mrs. Cora G. Lewis, mother of The cruiser St. Louis, due at New York Mrs. Cora G. Lewis, mother of The cruiser St. Louis, due at New York Mrs. Cora G. Lewis, mother of The cruiser St. Louis, due at New York Mrs. Cora G. Lewis, mother of The cruiser St. Louis, due at New York Mrs. Cora G. Lewis, mother of The cruiser St. Louis, due at New York Mrs. Cora G. Lewis, mother of The cruiser St. Louis, due at New York Mrs. Cora G. Lewis, mother of The cruiser St. Louis, due at New York Mrs. Cora G. Lewis, mother of The cruiser St. Louis, due at New York Mrs. Cora G. Lewis, mother of The Corps Sanitary Train: 161st, 162d and 162d Ambulance Companies; 16

ping, had to be content to steam along in the rear on the police boat Patrol.

Even Mrs. Cora G. Lewis, mother of all the Kansas troops by virtue of the death in action of her own brave son. Lieut, Gilbert M. Lewis of Kinsley, Kan., and also because she and Miss Helen K. Ostertagh were sent to New York three weeks ago with \$35,000 appropriated by the Sunflower Legislature and charged with the duty of using the same for the comfort of their soldiers landing here—even Mother Lewis had to tage along on the Patrol.

sengers were transferred with their friends on the Lexington's deck.

ingers were transferred with the transport tanks on the Lexington's deck.

New York May 2, is bringing the Most welcoming parties are excited field and staff, headquarters and supply enough when they have just one transport to meet. The Kansans had two. The Mobile came first, slipping across the blue water like a floating pyramid of gnomes or brownies, for that is what the khaki clad lads looked like from a distance, clinging to every part of the ship, almost spilling over the sides. And what a cowboy yell went up from that pyramid when the lads spied the yellow sunflowers on the dancing little tug and the white flutter of the hand-kerchiefs their homefolks were waving! Ninstieth, 181st, 457th, 498th, 655th enough when they have just one trans-port to meet. The Kansans had two.

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soldier by name, and exuited personally in his prowess. With unanimous pride they talked of the one Kansas see, Donald Hudson, who brought down six German planes and was cited for bravery. His father founded the Topeka Capital. They recounted with pride the exploits it in the process of the price of the price of the price of the process of the proce They recounted with pride the exploits of Mayor Fred Ellis of the National Guard, who left Macpherson, Kan., as a Captain, but who so distinguished himself while serving with Headquarters

Eleventh Aero Service Squadron, Twentieth and Ninety-sixth Aero squadrons, 189th Aero Park, 455th Aero Construction Squadron, Evacuation Hospital Na 25 and four convalescent detachments, The following army organizations self while serving with Headquarters. The following army organization:
Company D. 137th Regiment, at St. were assigned to-day to early convoy
Miniel, by leading his cooks and dishhome from France: Headquarters and washers out with spades and spoons and
whatever weapons they could find to repulse a raid that he was immediately
raised in rank and cited.

home from France: Headquarters and
Headquarters Troop, First Army; 319th
Field Battalion, Signal Corps; 108th
Sanitary Train, Headquarters, Medical
Detachment, Eleventh and Twelfth com-

"There they are—there's the rest of panies of the Fourth Battalion, Twen our boys," cried Mrs. Lewis. A brave tieth Engineers. woman, that As simply as possible, with never a complaint, she spoke of her son, the Limutenant, who with the son, the Limutenant, who with the sion of the 553rd Infantry, led in the flercest of the fighting and was killed not long before the armistice was deviated. The armistice was deviated. The armistice was deviated. clared. Then with a smile and a laugh she turned the conversation to the big appetites of the lads who swarm to the Kansas headquarters she and others have opened at 36 West Fortleth street.

"Governor Allen told us to just find all the Kansas folks in New York," she said. "That was three weeks ago, and we've found and card indexed six hundred. And we're giving a house arming for our boys to-night at the cui. How-ard K. Wood is president of our or-sanisation."

Well, the Kansas lads and Kansas Well, the Kansas lads and Kansas nurses who covered the decks and clung to the ratifices of the Manchuria—well, the nurses weren't on the ratifices, but the boys were—they were all as glad to see the home sunflowers as the Mobile contingent, and just as insistent to know when were they going to eat. And Tom Biggar of Kansas nearly broke his throat megaphoning that if they could get off the ship in time he'd give them the feed of their lives a feed that would match his name, at the Knickerbocker.

match his name, at the Knickerbocker at 7 that night. The Manchuria, which sailed from Breat April 13, brought a total of 4,769 troops, officers and men, forming the 137th Infantry. Thirty-fifth Division. Kansas National Guard. The regiment

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& TRUST CO Units That Fought on Italian Front Also Arrive at \$5,000,000 \$11,000,000 Hoboken. 76 Breadway, - 137 W. 125th St. 370 E 149th

Two companies of the Eleventh Engineers, recruited in this city in the early part of 1917 and known originally as and Senators and prominent citizens and women war workers and soldiers' relatives, who could be packed on two tugboats—most of them still panting from the quick run across the continent Casual Nurse Detachment was aboard and Brest Convalescent Detachments and B the First Reserve Engineers, returned

helped halt the onrushing German wave AMERICAN LEGION ing shovels and picks and other tools to Officers and Men to Choose grab rifles thrown away by panic stricken infantry. The story of their gailantry has been told and retold, and

the first detachment of their command brought home proof of its reality in citations and decorations. When they went out the Eleventh Engineers were commanded by Col. Charles H. McKinstry. He was made a

washington, April 23.—Sailing of Brigadier-General and Col. George Hoff-nine transports, the cruiser St. Louis man took charge. In February, 1918, and the battleship Nebraska, all loaded and the battleship Nebraska, all loaded

the eleven ships.

The transport Sofia, due at New York May 2, has on board Bakery Companies 306 and 326; supply and medical sections, headquarters company and Companies D and E, 408th Telegraph Battalion; 465th Engineer Pontoon Train; headquarters company croft of San Diego, Cal.; Capt. Charles Drew of Flushing, Capt. J. W. Maitland, Yale Club, this city: Capt. Donald Mac-Isaac, Kew Gardens, L. I.: Capt. John P. Corley, Manhattan: Capt. Brierley Whitehead, Trenton, N. J. and Capt. Jarvis Veeder, Brooklyn. The Eleventh was sent in February

1918, to the back area on railroad yard construction. After the beginning of the German drive, in the following March, they were sent to the British front at Bethune, losing there fifteen killed and wounded and winning their second cita-tion from the British. In September they were working with the First American Army at St. Mihiel, where Lieut. Charles T. Cusack was killed. The Second Battalion, with regimental head-quarters, helped to build a connected railroad line near the Argonne Pores and rebuild another that had been

The transport Canandalgua, due at The Ralian Royal Mail liner Duca Degli Abruzzi brought in yesterday more than a thousand men of the Anerican Army Ambulance Corps, reg-resenting eighteen sections sent out resenting eighteen sections sent from forty-four universities and leges of the country.

## LAST OF YANKEE **DIVISION IS HOME**

Seven Cases of Diphtheria on Battleship New Jersey.

Boston, April 23 .- All units of the Twenty-sixth (New England) Division Gen. David C. Shanks, commander of the are back in America after gallant serv- Port of Debarkation, said yesterday in

## Troopships Due To-day HEROES GET BACK

PRINZ FRIEDRICH WILHELM from Brest April 16, with the 165th Infantry, Medical De-tachment, Third Battalion Headquarters and Companies G. H. I. K. L and M. forty-eight officers and 987 men; 116 casual officers, chiefly of the Medical Corps and infantry; twelve small casual companies; 331st Infantry Band, 168 nurses, including those of the Twelfth and Seventy-first Base Hospitals, and 149 civilians.

Aquitania from Brest April 18, with the 306th Infantry complete, eighty-two officers and 3,746 men; 306th Machine Gun Battalion complete, seventeen officers and 764 men; Machine Gun Battalion (number not yet received), twenty officers and 774 men; ninety casual officers and ten naval officers.

Santa Clara from Bordeaux April 13, with the Fifteenth Engineers complete, thirty-four of-ficers and 1,372 men; 145th Machine Gun Battalion Detachment, five officers and 374 men, and Fourteenth Machine Gun Bat-talion Detachment of one officer and thirty-nine men.

# CAUCUS IS CALLED

Delegates.

Major Cornelius W. Wickersham. chairman of the New York State branch of the American Legion, issued a call yesterday to all former soldiers and sailors to attend the caucus to be held in their district next Saturday to elect delegates and alternates to the national Col. Herbert Deakyne became the boss of the pugmacious outfit, and finally, in May, 1918. Col. William Barclay Parsons assumed command. Col. Parsons and the larger contingent of the regiment may get here on Saturday or Sunday by the French liner Chicago.

Other officers of the Engieers are Lieut.-Col. H. D. Hudson, 301 West Eighty-fourth street; Lieut.-Col. Willard T. Chevaller of Brooklyn, Major Beverley Value of Maryland, Major F E. Ash. American Legion, which later will be croft of San Diego, Cal.; Capt. Charles

"The American Legion wants the enlisted man at its preliminary caucuses because the permanent organization is to be an enlisted man's organization. The legion is non-political and non-partisan. Its only gospel is patriotism. It wants to keep alive the ideals for which the men of this nation fought. It wants to keep knotted the ties of friendwants to keep knotted the ties of friend-ship which men from far flung States ship which men from far fit formed during the great war. The place of assemblage of the New

York city caucuses are: District No. 1-New York city, except landing here—even Mother Lewis had to tage along on the Patrol.

However, the latter craft caught up with the Lexington before the Kansan flotilla docked at Hoboken and its passible forms. Canada and the French of the regiment worked with the Second American points and the Second American armies, and they were cited for their two alternates. Col. William Donovan of the old Sixty-ninth will speak at the of the old Sixty-ninth will speak at the Manhattan meeting on April 28. District No 2—Twenty-third Regiment Armory, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Brig.-Gen Charles W. Berry, chairman; sixteen delegates, sixteen alternates.

## **620,593 SOLDIERS** BACK FROM FRANCE

Hoboken Sent 1,650,913 Overseas, Says Gen. Shanks.

Of the 2.540,515 soldiers sent overseas 620,593 have been returned. Major-Division Gen. David C. Shanks, commander of the abroad.

## **CHEERS GREET 9TH** COAST ARTILLERY

Old and New Organizations Are Reviewed During Pa-Made on Fifth Avenue.

DANCE HELD AFTERWARD

Greenwich Village Shows Enthusiasm Over Fine Record Made by "Its Own."

Greenwich Village was agog with enthusiasm last night, feeling that not the east of the rewards of victory which have come to its own particular regiment-the old Ninth Coast Defence Command of the New York National Guard -was that organization's triumphal march down Fifth avenue yesterday afternoon, where it was reviewed by Mayor Hylan. The parade was arranged by the new

Ninth Coast Artillery Corps, New York Guard, Col. George W. Burleigh commanding, which supplanted the old Ninth after the latter had been federalized. Headed by a detachment of mounted police they left their armory on West Fourteenth street at 3 o'clock. swung up Seventh avenue to Fifty-ninth and then to Broadway and the First Field Artillery Armory, at Sixty-seventh street, where they met the over-seas veterans under Col. John J. Byrne.

seas veterans under Col. John J. Byrne, who had commanded them in France.

As a detachighm of 200 members of the Spanish and civil war veterans of the old Ninth stood at attention the regimental colors were presented to Col. Byrne. The escort wore campaign hats and the bayoners upon their rifles were bayonets upon their rifles were fixed, but the soldiers just back fro France, who had served in the fighting in the Argonne Forest, were without equipment. There was a liberal sprinkling of wound stripes among them and some wore the Croix de Guerre. Col. Byrne explained before the col-

The call for the district caucus is made particularly to enlisted men. The temporary organization rules of the American Legion, which later will be made permanent, require that at least 60 per cent. of all the representation in the legion shall be from the enlisted personnel of the army or navy. Your conlistment and service in any branch of the military organization of the United States make you eligible. There are no qualifications either for enlisted men or for officers. seen service abroad.

housand erthusiastic spectators were massed at this point.

The Mayor's automobile was preceded y one containing Grover Whalen h.s secretary, and a detachment of motor cycle cops guarded the two machines as they sped uptown from City Hall. The cadet bartalion from St. Francis Navler's School served as a guard at the reviewing stand.
With the Mayor were George T. Wil-

son, vice-president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society: Col. Almore S. Austin, commander of the Pifty seventh Artillery: Gen. Daniel Appleton, Col. Edward Olmsted, assistant chief of staff of the Twenty-seventh Division: Major Fullerton Weaver of the Seventy-seventh Division, Commodore Forshew, U. S. N.; Col. Alfred Schermerhorn and various members of the Mayor's Committee of

In one section of the stand were sixty students from the Salvation Army Training College under Col. Charles Miles. The college, Col. Miles explained, was used by officers of the old Ninth for instruction purposes prior to their going

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### FIRST OF THE 77TH **BOYS ARRIVE TO-DAY**

Members of Welcoming Committee to Meet Aquitania.

The first contingent of the Seventy-seventh Division will arrive this morn-ing aboard the Aquitania when she warps into her pier. No. 54, North River. Representatives of the Mayor's Comraittee on Welcome to Homecoming Troops and thousands of relatives and

the craft steam up the river.

The Patrol, Correction, Bay Ridge and the William J. Gaynor will leave the battery at 8 o'clock sharp. This flotilla will be joined by private yachis off the Battery and it will steam down the Battery and it will steam down the Battery and it meets the incoming liner. the craft steam up the river. harbor until it meets the incoming liner, which is due at 10 o'clock. The 305th him "John Faithful Hylan."

Infantry, the 305th Machine Gun Bat"I am indeed glad to welcome you talion, and the 306th Machine Gun all at the City Hall and particularly Battalion are aboard.

Major-Gen. Robert Alexander and all of the former newspapermen of the Seventy-seventh Division have been invited to attend the Newspapermen's Welcome Home Committee dinner to be you. We are proud of you and our for the night, but it looked as if this should be a support of the night of the standard been accomplished without his sanction. He was not to be led into a disconnection of the night of the night of the sanction.

#### 33.887 KILLED IN ACTION. Total Dead in Army and Marine Corps Now 75,344.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—Revised caswallington, April 28 - revised cas-ualty totals announced to-day by the War Department placed the total of dead in the army and Marine Corps at 75,344, of which 32,887 were killed in

Prisoners reported were 4,791, including 15 reported now held by the Bol-sheviki. Of prisoners previously held by the Central Powers the records now show 281 died during internment and 118 of doubtful status.

The grand total of wounded in the list is 201,280, of whom it has been estimated more than \$5 per cent, returned to duty.

#### 120,278 TROOPS ON SHIPS. ar Department Announces Num-

ber en Route Home, April 21. Washington, April 23 - An official nnouncement by the War Department o-day said that on April 21 120 278 men from the army overseas were at sea en route to this country. A total of 731,589 men had been landed in this country up to and including that date. Since the signing of the armistice the War Department has turned back o the shipping board 302 vessels with in aggregate deadweight of 2,000,000

ardinal Mercler to Visit Boston. Hosron, April 23 .- Cardinal Mercier, Archbishop of Malines, Belgium, in a letter to-day to Gov. Collidge, ac-cepted conditionally an invitation to come to Boston on the occasion of his proposed visit to this country.

## **MAYOR GIVES 69TH** OFFICIAL WELCOME

Col. Donovan and Staff Received Thanks of New York at City Hall.

friends of the division will board the committee's flotilla and go down the bay to shout their greeting to the men as comed the old Sixty Ninth regiment,

Colonel Donovan and Father Duffy— party will be the guests of the Bankers Battalion are aboard.

A memorial service in memory of the lead of the 303th Field Artillery will be twin spirits that guided the old be held at the Engineers Building in West Thirty-ninth street Friday evetwo Croix de Guerre and sixty Distribution of the movement cityward, and in most two Croix de Guerre and sixty Distributions of the movement cityward, and in most two Croix de Guerre and sixty Distributions of the movement cityward, and in most two Croix de Guerre and sixty Distributions of the movement cityward, and in most two Croix de Guerre and sixty Distributions of the Bankers of the Bankers

We expect to see many new faces

"We expect to see many new faces among the men of the old Sixty-ninth of the 3,507 men who went to France but, 1,400 will return to us. While but 50 per cent of the regiment is composed of Irish, I understand that the new men have caught the old spirit in such an unmistakable fashion that we still feel of a military display.

that it is an Irish regiment swayed by the generous impulses which have al-ways moved Irish hearts."

Father Duffy responded simply with the story of a sermon he preached to the Sixty-ninth just before the regiment went into battle.

"I had got them out one Sunday morning and I told them about the feel-ing that existed for them in the old

morning and I told them about the feeling that existed for them in the old home town; I told them that every one back there was proud of them and thinking of them. They had come out of one big battle and were going into a bigger one. I found the best way to encourage them was to tell them what the folks at home thought of them. I prophesied that any day the Sixty-ninth returned home after the war would be St. Patrick's day, and I thank the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen for decreeing next Monday—the day of the parade—as St. Patrick's day."

Col. Donovan and staff will go down

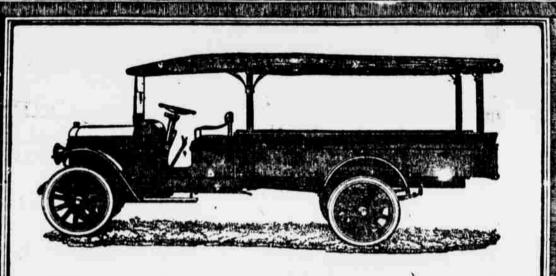
Col. Donovan and staff will go down the bay to-day upon one of the Mayor's committee boats to welcome the remainder of the regiment returning upon the Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm, due in the lower harbor at 2 o'clock. Before em-

the day of your parade the pent up love cuseion of the matter, doubtless clinging for our boys will manifest itself in uproarious applause of your mighty camp unmolested by the M. P.'s. He said the boys had an unusual run of luck

now and then.
Visitors swarmed over the regimental



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